

## News briefs

### Passport office hours

The wing passport office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. through March 18. Emergency cases are handled immediately.

For more information, call the military personnel flight customer service desk at 452-6553 or Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Thomas at 452-6221.

### New vehicle regulation

As of Jan. 28, privately-owned vehicles more than 10 years old must be inspected within 30 days before transferring the vehicle, regardless of when the vehicle inspection is due to expire.

For more information, call the pass and registration office at 452-6695.

### Center closure

The wing improvement center closes Thursday and March 15 for inventory. For emergencies, call 452-6119.

### Commissary inventory

The Spangdahlem Air Base commissary closes Wednesday for inventory. It reopens Thursday. The Bitburg Annex commissary is open Wednesday.

### CSAF Survey

People only have one day to complete the 2002 Chief of Staff of the Air Force Organization Climate Survey before today's deadline.

All active-duty and appropriated-fund employees are encouraged to take the survey by going to [www.csafsurvey.af.mil](http://www.csafsurvey.af.mil). The survey should take about 30 minutes to complete.

### Blood drive

Volunteers are needed to help with the 22nd Fighter Squadron-sponsored blood drive April 24 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Community Activities Center.

People with O negative blood are especially encouraged to donate since that type is transfuseable with all blood types.

For more information, call Airman 1st Class Henry Wloski at 452-6336.

### AFSA meeting

The Air Force Sergeant's Association, Chapter 1681 holds a general membership meeting at the Spang Club March 21 at 11:30 a.m. All chapter members and people interested in joining AFSA are invited to attend. Light snacks and beverages are available at 11:15.

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# Eifel Times

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### Commander in the hat

Col. Greg Ihde, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, reads to the Spangdahlem Elementary School Sure Start class, made up of mostly 4-year-old children. Ihde read Dr. Seuss', "The Cat in the Hat" to students during Read Across America Day March 1. Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth McQuiston, 52nd FW command chief master sergeant, read to another SES class, hoping to instill the importance of reading to the children.

Staff Sgt. Esperanza Berrios

## Airman saves life at local pool

Past CPR lessons,  
self-aid buddy care  
enabled 606th airman to  
quickly react in crisis

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Enjoying a day out with his family after returning from a stateside TDY was Airman 1st Class Kevin Byer's focus Feb. 2. Whether or not he remembered CPR techniques was the furthest thing on his mind — that is, until he felt tapping on his shoulder.

The 606th Air Control Squadron power production specialist, his wife and two young boys, were wrapping up a

day at the local community pool when a German boy motioned him back to the pool. While holding his 1-year-old, Byer waded into the shallow section to see what the boy needed. A few feet in front of them, a blue figure floated at the bottom of the pool.

"At first I thought there was a float or a piece of clothing at the bottom of the pool - he was so blue," Byer recalled. "After putting my face down into the water, I could see it was a lifeless child."

Byer quickly handed his own son to a nearby swimmer and dove down to the pool bottom. Carrying the blue, pulseless boy to the poolside, Byer feared he was dead, he said.

Nevertheless, he quickly tilted back the boy's head and began CPR. Everything he's learned in lifesaving courses instructed in middle and high school and in the military flooded his thoughts.

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## Military training instructor recruiting team arrives

**LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** - The Air Force needs dedicated airmen to help mold new enlisted members in the Air Force and people at Spangdahlem Air Base will soon have the opportunity to find out about becoming a military training instructor. The MTI recruiting team arrives here at 9 a.m. Wednesday. They will be in building 127.

"There's a constant need for basic

training instructors," said Master Sgt. Maria Cornelia, MTI recruiting team NCOIC. "Applicants from all Air Force specialties are eligible to apply and are encouraged to attend an upcoming MTI briefing at Spangdahlem AB to determine eligibility.

"Everyone remembers their MTI. The MTI sets the stage for each individual's success in the Air Force. This job is filled

with substantial rewards for those who want to have a hand in molding tomorrow's Air Force. Most concerns about MTI duty are based on misconceptions or fear of the unknown. Our briefing will answer everything you want to know about MTI duty. We will process applications for all interested attendees," Cornelia said.

MTIs receive \$275 per month in Special

Duty Assignment Pay, additional annual clothing allowance, free dry cleaning, an MTI ribbon and a stabilized four-year tour.

Career senior airmen through technical sergeants with less than 16 years total active service are eligible to apply. People interested should attend the briefing or call Staff Sgt. Kristi Irwin at 452-6015. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend the briefing.

# USAFE announces various award winners

## Communications, information management

U.S. Air Forces in Europe 2001 communications and information award winners:

### Information management

Senior Airman Robert Bertholf, 52nd Fighter Wing, airman category

Master Sgt. Rosalinda Kravcheno, 52nd Communications Squadron, senior NCO category

### Computer systems

Master Sgt. Michael Crain, 52nd CS, senior NCO category

### Visual information

Senior Airman Nicole Ketchen, 52nd CS, airman category

### Medium workcenter

52nd CS network control center

### Small military postal center

52nd CS Bitburg Annex post office

## Col. Derrel L. Dempsey Air Traffic Control Officer

Capt. Robert A. Ricker, 52nd OSS

### Airfield management senior NCO

Master Sgt. Anthony W. Bunch, 52nd OSS

### Airfield management NCO

Staff Sgt. Kathy S. Major, 52nd OSS

### Airfield management airman

Senior Airman Armando Ruano, 52nd OSS

## Public affairs

2001 USAFE Public Affairs Awards

### PA director's excellence award for media relations and PA director's excellence award for internal information

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

### First place, large military funded newspaper

Eifel Times

## Outstanding civilian (GS-11 and below)

Anneliese Huss, 52nd CONS

### Outstanding pricing

Martina Weisskopf, 52nd CONS

### Outstanding contracting support

Susan D. Casas, 52nd CONS

## Intelligence awards

USAFE 2001 intelligence award winners:

### Outstanding active-duty intelligence senior NCO - Level II

Master Sgt. Wanda J. Floyd, 52nd OSS

## Productivity excellence awards

### 2001 USAFE Productivity Excellence and Exceptional Innovator

Master Sgt. Daniel J. Demers, 52nd Component Repair Squadron

## Deployed award

### 386th Air Expeditionary Group NCO of the month

Staff Sgt. Charissa Allsup, 52nd OSS.

## Airfield operations

2001 USAFE airfield operations award winners

### Airfield operations flight complex

52nd Operations Support Squadron

## Contracting

2001 USAFE contracting award winners:

### Professionalism in contracting (supervisory)

Lt. Col. Scott A. Kiser, 52nd Contracting Squadron

## Briefs

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### Memorial services

A memorial service for Staff Sgt. Marlon Shakespeare, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron, is today at 4:45 p.m. in the base chapel. A separate memorial service for Tawana Shakespeare is today at 2 p.m. in the base chapel.

Shakespeare and his wife died March 1. Preliminary autopsy results performed Sunday by the Armed Forces medical examiner, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, indicate Sergeant Shakespeare died of blunt trauma, caused in their single-car accident on B-257 near Erdorf. Tawana died of multiple stab wounds received prior to impact.

The incident is under investigation by the Office of Special Investigations.

### Estate claims

Claims for or against Staff Sgt. Marlon Shakespeare's estate should be directed to Capt. Phil Timmons, summary courts officer, at 452-8430.

### Court martial

A panel of officers sentenced a Spangdahlem Air Base master sergeant to a dishonorable discharge and five years confinement following a five-day general court-martial that concluded Monday.

The senior NCO was found guilty of desertion from about May 21, 2001, until his apprehension in the Philippines Nov. 20, 2001.

In addition, he was found guilty of writing more than \$8,800 in insufficient funds checks to the Eifel club system and a \$200 insufficient funds check at Volkel Air Base, Netherlands, from his credit union account.

He pleaded not guilty to all of the two charges and four specifications against him. He pleaded guilty to a lesser-included offense of Absent Without Leave, but not guilty to desertion.

He was also sentenced to reduction to airman basic and total forfeitures of pay and allowances.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Bingman at 452-6703.

## Accidents

By John W. Keeler  
52nd Security Forces Squadron  
Reports and Analysis

Sixteen Team Eifel members experienced vehicle accidents in the past week, three of which were major.

The first major accident was on A-1, at the Hahn exit. Investigation by Schweich Polizei found an airman was traveling too fast for conditions. He hit a patch of slush and lost control of his vehicle. The vehicle landed in a ditch and rolled onto its roof. There were no injuries, but the vehicle was totaled.

The second major accident happened on B-257 outside of Erdorf. For more

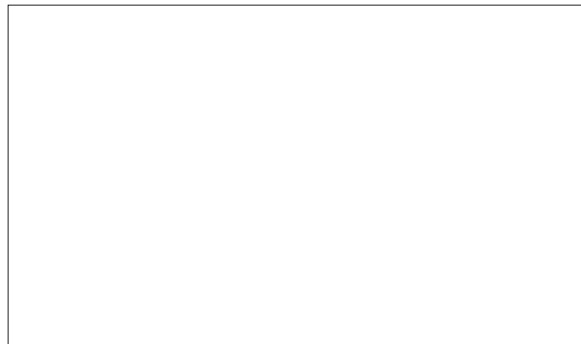
information on this accident, see Briefs above.

The third major accident was on L-46 near Zemmer. Investigation by Bitburg Polizei determined that an airman lost control of her vehicle and struck a guardrail. There were no injuries. The vehicle had minor dents and scratches and a broken front axle.

The 13 minor accidents involved:

- Three from backing.
- Nine from inattentive driving.
- One parking lot related.

In addition, 49 citations were issued.



Courtesy photo

**Pet Spa veterinarian, Dr. Konstanze Brunner, holds one of the clinic's customers, an English Bulldog.**

## Pet spa offers veterinary care

The Pet Spa now has an on-staff veterinarian providing medical services for pets. These services are provided by Dr. Konstanze Brunner.

General medical services are provided for dogs and cats owned by U.S. military ID card holders. This includes everything from required health certificates and vaccinations to surgeries and dental care. Programs devoted to extra needs of both younger and older pets, as well as animals with special medical requirements, are also provided. In addition, a full range of health care products is available at the Pet Spa.

"We are excited to have Brunner joining the Pet Spa staff," said Susan Street, manager of the Pet Spa. "Having medical services available enables us to provide 'one-stop shopping' for all the pet owners' needs."

Brunner is an experienced small

animal practitioner. She graduated from Ludwigs-Maximilian University in Munich in 1997. After completing her dissertation in 1999, she worked with other small animals vets in various parts of Germany.

Appointments are available Monday-Friday.

"If you're not sure if your pet needs medical attention, I encourage you to call for a telephone consultation," says Dr. Brunner. "The Pet Spa is here to keep your pet both healthy and happy."

With the addition of the veterinarian service, the Pet Spa now provides a full range of pet care, including short- and long-stay boarding, all-breed grooming, training and a large selection of toys and pet care products.

For an appointment or for more information about the Pet Spa's other services, call 452-9362 or 0656561-9362. (Information courtesy of Pet Spa)

# Lifesaver

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Byer continually filled the boy's lungs two breaths at a time and felt for a pulse. After what seemed like hours, the boy began to cough and throw up the pool water, he said. Another man helped Byer turn the boy on his side to flush the water from his lungs.

"I felt excited he was finally coughing, but he still laid there lifeless," Byer said. "I prayed, 'Lord, please help this child breath again.'"

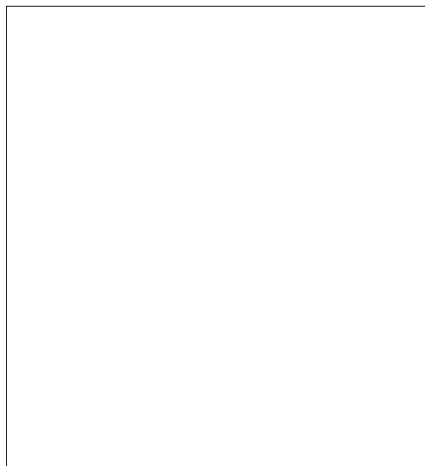
Emergency workers arrived and transported the child to the hospital. To Byer's relief, a doctor told him the child would soon fully recover.

Despite frayed nerves until he heard of the child's recovery, he said he's glad he could help by tapping into knowledge he didn't know he'd ever need.

"I remember our physical education teacher back in Hawkinson Middle School used to take CPR class very seriously," said Byer, a Brush Prairie, Wash. native. "He'd break out the old-style dummies with the breath gauges and have us practice on them until we proved we knew what we were doing."

He also credits the self-aid buddy care classes and CPR refresher training he's received in the Air Force for his quick action that day.

"I think the boy's friend called on my help because I looked military," he said. "I think people assume military



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

**Byer tests a battery-charging alternator on a mobile emergency generator. Byer saved a young drowning victim at a local community pool Feb. 2. He credits his quick action to the many military and civilian CPR refresher courses he's taken since middle school.**

members know lifesaving skills because of what they envision of us."

However, not everyone in the Air Force is CPR certified. Although all members learn basic first aid, only certain physically hazardous fields, such as those working with electricity or in medical fields, must be CPR certified, according to Air Force policy.

Even though the Air Force doesn't make CPR certification mandatory for everyone, local branches of the American Red Cross offer courses for a fee on many Air Force bases, according to Brock Tschappat, Eifel Community American Red Cross.

"Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation is a lifesaving/sustaining skill that's valuable for everyone to know — parents, teachers, co-workers, students and others," said Tschappat. "That is why the American Red Cross' primary target audience for its CPR training is the general public."

Byer said the recent experience proved to him the importance of such training because it's when such skills are the furthest thing on mind that you need it most.

## Local CPR courses

The Eifel Community American Red Cross offers courses in Bitburg Annex building 2001 throughout the year. Costs vary according to course curriculum.

People wanting to learn or improve their CPR and life-sustaining skills can call 452-9440 or 452-9241 for more information or to register for the next class.

# Love, Sex and the

## 'taxes' funny bone, gives 'return' on fun

Article and photos by Maj. Francisco G. Hamm  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

People looking for entertainment this weekend, can catch the dinner/dessert theater comedy, "Love, Sex, and the IRS," presented by ACT-Eifel in the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center, playing tonight, Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

With plenty of sight gags and mistaken identities to go around, this wild farce features an eight-member ensemble cast made up of volunteers who have a passion for theater and the sound of applause.

The story centers around two roommates, Jon and Leslie, who have been filing their tax returns as a married pair and the curtain rises on the day of reckoning, when the IRS informs "the couple" they're being audited.

Christopher Brooks, a 52nd Communications Squadron senior airman stars as the consummate straight man, Jon, who convinces his roommate Leslie to masquerade as his housewife to avoid getting caught for tax fraud. Jon solicits the help of his fiancée, Kate, played by Airman 1st Class Jennifer Hane, 52nd Operations Support Squadron weather forecaster.

Complicating matters further, Leslie is having an affair with Kate behind Jon's back. Jon's mother drops in unexpectedly to meet Jon's fiancée and Leslie's ex-girlfriend shows up, demanding to know why Leslie has changed and won't see her anymore.

Second Lt. Jim Smith, also of the 52nd CS, turns in an enthusiastic performance as the "little lady."

"It was a challenging role," Smith said, explaining that he was glad to have an experienced cast surrounding him.

Of course, the real challenge is Smith getting back into reality and having to return to his day job, without the "accessories."

Hane and Brooks provide balance to all the fun, while developing their characters fully.

Floyd the taxman, played by Master Sgt. Robert Benton, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, and Jon's mother, Vivian, played by Judi Harin, a

Spangdahlem Elementary School teacher, add to the staged chaos. Floyd goes into a drunken stupor trying to keep all the facts of "who's with whom" straight. While Vivian, a straight-laced, but supportive mother, tries to help her son and make order of Jon's "alternative" lifestyle.

The cast keeps the action going leaving no dull moments in the zany story.

Rounding out the ensemble is Brian Lindsey, a family member playing Jansen the nosy landlord; and Dawn Bingman, also a family member, playing Leslie's confused girlfriend, Connie. Todd A. Langenfeld, a special agent and commander of Det. 518, Office of Special Investigations, plays Grunion, the Justice of the Peace and directs the play.

"This is a great opportunity to come in, take a break, and laugh," said Langenfeld, U.S. Army in Europe Best Director of a Comedy Series in 2001 award winner.

"Our main goal is to bring live theater to the community, and provide a morale boost."

"Love, Sex and the IRS," was written by William Van Zandt and Jane Milmore and the performance rights are provided through Samuel French Inc. The play has been entered into the 2002 USAREUR "Tournament of Plays." Nominations and winners will be announced in April in Heidelberg. Last year Act-Eifel received 13 nominations and won 2 awards.

Don't miss this great opportunity to catch some laughs, enjoy a romantic dinner and find out how "not" to file your taxes!

### Act-Eifel presents Adult comedy, "Love, Sex and the IRS," dinner/dessert theater production

■Dinner shows, 8-9 March (\$22)

■Desert Shows 10 March (\$5)

Doors open at 6 p.m., show begins at 7 p.m.

Spangdahlem AB Community Activities Center

Reservations can be made at the CAC

Show is free of charge without meal/dessert

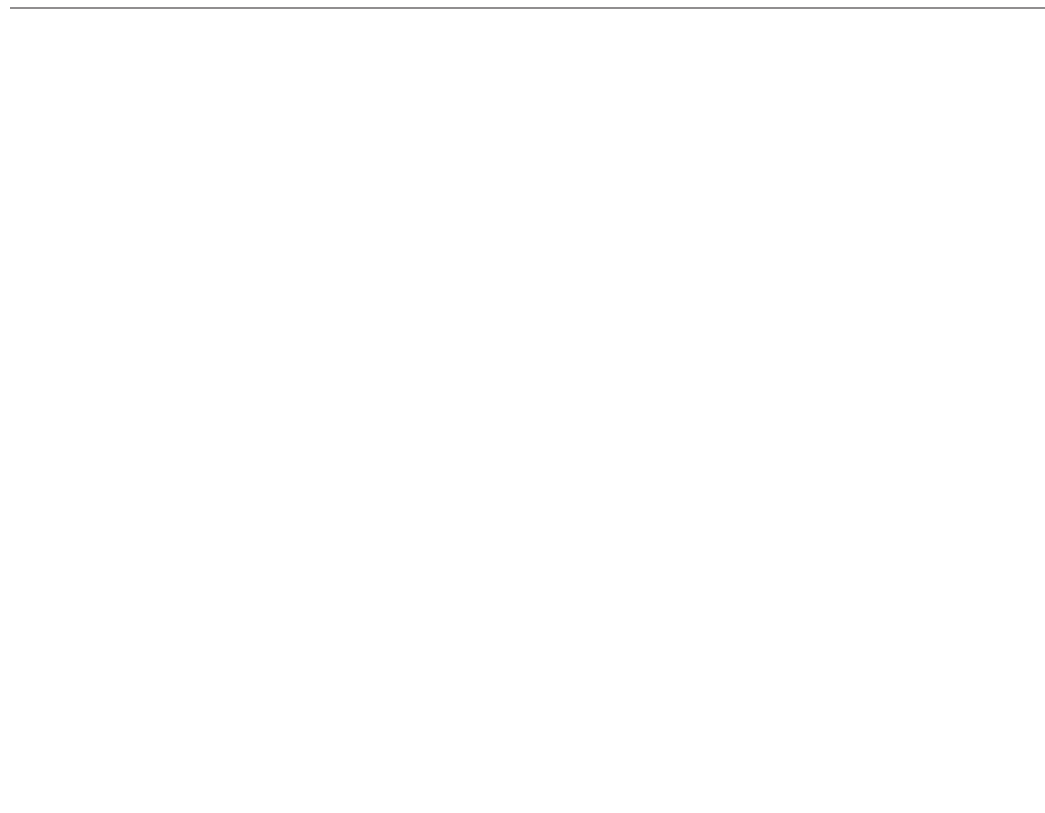
Call Master Sgt. Robert Benton, 452-5444

or the center's programs office at 452-7381

for more ACT-Eifel information.

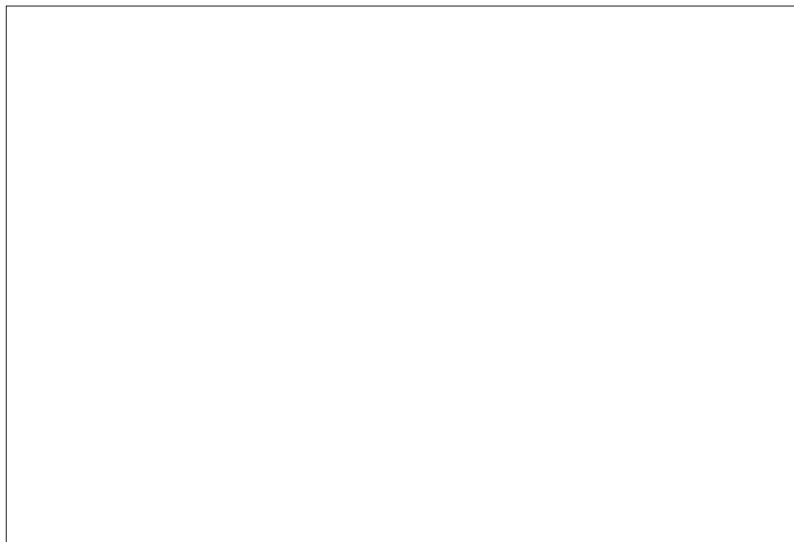
Leslie is about to sign his life away by marrying his roommate Jon. Leslie's girlfriend, their landlord, a Justice of the Peace, the taxman and Jon's mother witness the signature.

Jennifer Hane, 52nd Operations Support Squadron weather forecaster, is the first Air Force assignment made up of volunteers.



Chaos reins as Vivian and Floyd enjoy each other's company and are oblivious to the fact Leslie is five stories up on the building's ledge, trying to hide from his nosy landlord.

perations Support Squadron Airman 1st Class, prepares for her role as Jon's fiancée, Kate. Spangdahlem Air Base is her  
nent and "Love, Sex and the IRS" is her first ACT-Eifel play. ACT-Eifel is an award-winning community theater company  
and perform several plays throughout the year.



Above, Leslie, played by 2nd Lt. Jim Smith, 52nd Communications Squadron, breaks down, displaying his displeasure of masquerading as a woman. Connie, Leslie's girlfriend played by Dawn Bingman, and his roommate Jon, played by Senior Airman Christopher Brooks, 52nd Communications Squadron, watch sympathetically. Left, Floyd the taxman, played by Master Sgt. Robert Benton, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, tries to awaken Jon's mother, played by Judi Harvin, by waving a piece of Limburger cheese under her nose.

## Community Mailbox

### Auto skills

The Bitburg Annex auto skills center opens for self-help mechanic service only as of April 1. People seeking auto repair services can visit the Spangdahlem Air Base car care center in building 189 or call 452-6842 for details.

### New mothers

The La Leche League meets at 6:30 p.m. March 20 in the Bitburg Annex Hospital conference room. Breastfeeding mothers and their children are invited. Call Margaret Loffelman at 06565-7555.

### Arts and crafts classes

The following class takes place in Spangdahlem Air Base building 189. Register at least one week early by calling the craft corner at 452-4141.

■Tole painting, 5:30-7:30 p.m. March 28. Cost is \$15, plus wood.

The following class takes place in Bitburg Annex building 2002.

■Tole painting, 5:30-7:30 p.m. March 26. Cost is \$15, plus wood.

### Egg hunt

An Easter egg hunt takes place at 9:30 a.m. March 27 at the Spangdahlem Air Base library. Call 452-6203 for details.

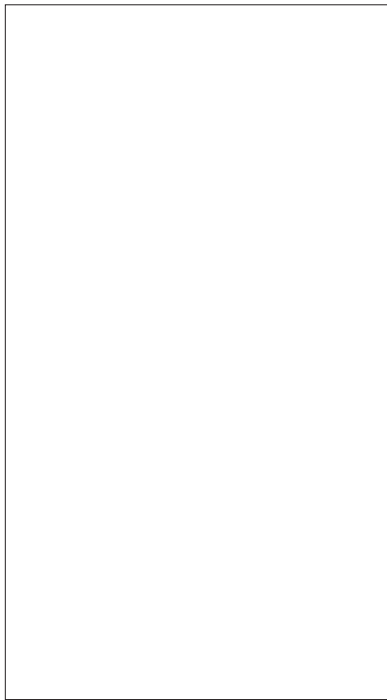
### Chaplain service news

■The Spangdahlem Air Base Singles' Coffee Mill opens 7-11 p.m. each Friday in building 139. Activities include card tournaments, dart games, movies and more. Free hot and cold beverages are provided.

■Catholic communal penance services take place at 7 p.m. March 20 in the Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel and at 7 p.m. March 21 in the Bitburg Annex Chapel. Call the chapel office at 452-6711 for more information.

■An eight-week Bible study on dating and marriage begins 6:30-8:30 p.m. March 20 in building 139. Call Vernon Salter at 06580-988506 for details or to register.

■A three-day conference takes place March 22-24 in the Maria Rosenberg conference center in Germany. Call



Maj. Francisco G. Hamm

### Oktoberfest in March

**A Bavarian Alp horn-blower plays the first tunes at the Wittlich festival, taking place now through March 17. The festival opens at 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and at 11 a.m. Sunday.**

Vernon Salter at 06580-988506 for details or to register.

### Pet care

Oberweis Pet Spa offers the following classes and services. Call 452-9362 for details.

■The spa offers pet visitation transportation for PCSing families each Wednesday. Registration deadline is each Tuesday. Cost is \$10 per family per trip.

■Puppy kindergarten for pups 12-18 weeks old, 7-8 p.m.

each Tuesday April 2-May 14. Cost is \$49.50.

■Canine good citizen program, 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Tuesday April 2-May 14. Cost is \$49.50.

### Easter lunch

Mosel Dining Hall serves a special holiday lunch March 31 for military family members and retirees. Call 452-6727 for details.

### Airmen's Attic

Family Support Center Airmen's Attic revised hours are 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday on Spangdahlem Air Base and the Bitburg Annex. Donations are accepted only during operating hours. Call 452-6422 for details.

### Cancer support group

A three-part informational series on the physical, psychological and spiritual aspects of cancer and treatments takes place 6-8 p.m. March 12, April 9 and May 14 in the Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel. Call Capt. Michelle Ambrose at 452-8238 for details.

### SES PTSA

The Spangdahlem Elementary School Parent, Teacher, Student Association seeks volunteers for the 2002-2003 PTSA board. Elections take place in April. Call Lisa Duke at 452-6881 or e-mail [lisa.duke@ptmail.com](mailto:lisa.duke@ptmail.com) for details.

### Scout dinner

An Eagle scout dinner and reunion takes place at 6 p.m. March 23 in the Am Rathaus Restaurant near Vogeleweh. Cost is \$15. Call Gary Hackl at 06553-1745 or send an e-mail to Sue Pelletier at [pelletierms@interquest.de](mailto:pelletierms@interquest.de).

### Family support center news

The following take place in Bitburg Annex building 2001. Call 452-9491 to register or for more information.

■Resume writing, 8-11 a.m. Tuesday.

■Money management, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

■Pre-deployment briefing, 8-9 a.m. Wednesday.

■Great expectations, 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The following take place in Spangdahlem Air Base building 307. Call 452-6422 to register or for details.

■Pre-deployment briefing, 8-9 a.m. Tuesday.

■Hugs from Spangdahlem Elementary School, 2:30-3:15 p.m. Tuesday.



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■ Mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680  
Box 220, APO AE 09126

■ To public affairs in building 23.  
■ Concerns may also be sent via fax  
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include your name and phone number.  
Call the Eifel Times at 452-5244 for  
more information.

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Call Airmen Against  
Drunk Driving  
at 452-2233.

# Viewpoint

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## Patriotism

By Tech. Sgt. Robert Block  
22nd Fighter Squadron

Again and again, time after time,  
I've stood by and watched the four  
o'clock dodgers. Yes, the ones who  
deliberately run or stand in  
doorways of buildings to avoid  
standing at attention and saluting  
during the playing the German and  
American national anthems.

I'd like to take this opportunity  
to explain to you about patriotism!  
To start, former President Calvin  
Coolidge said, "Patriotism is easy  
to understand in America; it means  
looking out for yourself by looking  
out for your country."

By definition, patriotism is the  
love for, or devotion to, one's  
country. Devotion, in this case, is  
defined as the fact or state of being  
ardently dedicated and loyal. The  
men and women of the armed  
forces should know this oh so well  
since we swore to uphold and  
protect the rights and liberties of  
our great nation.

You, the airman, soldiers,  
Marines, sailors and Coast

Guardsmen are the true patriots  
who support, defend and love this  
country. You are devoted to our  
nation from land or sea, and from  
far or near, keeping the United  
States free so each citizen can enjoy  
freedoms.

Recently, our great nation was  
attacked. Never before has the  
United States had to face terror like  
that on Sept. 11th.

Once again, our nation pulled  
together and showed the true colors  
of red, white and blue — the colors  
symbolizing patriotic ideals and  
spiritual qualities of our country's  
citizens.

Our flags rose high, cluttering  
the skies with pride, honor and  
patriotism. The men and women of  
the armed forces were called upon  
to stand and defend our homeland  
soil, which we so proudly and  
honorably did.

The Star-Spangled Banner, our  
national anthem, had a special place  
in the hearts of Americans. It has  
never meant more — and we  
played it loud and often.

It lifted our spirits, made us  
strong and pulled us together as a  
nation. We rejoiced to the world  
that we will survive and become  
whole again. The strength of the  
people and nation was tested, just to  
find out that the United States of  
America would never fold or falter.

America, Home of the Brave  
and Land of the Free, continued to  
press on with the rebuilding stages.  
The winter Olympics hosted in Salt  
Lake City were a success. I  
watched in awe the  
accomplishments of all athletes,  
regardless of what country they  
represented. Some of those athletes  
were military members. I realized  
the United States let the world  
know, no matter what happens, we  
will endure.

During the opening ceremonies,  
as they carried the torn and  
withered flag flown over the World  
Trade Center, my emotions ran  
deep and my eyes became glassy.

As I sat there and watched, I felt  
a sense of patriotism I can't  
explain. Although I wasn't there, I

think that same sense was felt  
throughout the stadium.

I'd like to applaud those of you  
who take the time to honor our flag  
at the end of the duty day. We are  
paid to protect our nation and it's  
resources — and one of our greatest  
resources is our nation's flag.

Patriotism requires allegiance to  
the flag, which means obedience  
and readiness. So I ask each proud  
American and every member of the  
armed forces to walk outside at 4  
p.m. and stand tall.

Stand proud and with honor, and  
let your heart swell with pride at the  
thought that America is the most  
powerful nation on earth. Honor old  
glory — for she has served us  
proudly in all types of weather.

As we lay her to rest for another  
evening we know she'll be there to  
honor us once again the next  
morning, as she has for 225 years.  
So I encourage you to step outside  
and pop that clean, sharp salute and  
show the greatest flag on earth the  
respect it deserves.

## Contributing

By Master Sgt. Stefanie Doner  
Air Force Flight Test Center Public Affairs

### EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. -

For more than 22 years, nearly the whole of my  
professional life, I have never defaulted on a  
loan, been late with a payment or needed help  
to pay my bills. I'm quite proud of that  
achievement. However, a serious family illness  
18 months ago put me face to face with an  
emotional and financial challenge I didn't quite  
know how to handle. I will be eternally grateful  
for the help I received through the Air Force  
Assistance Fund.

My hero, my dad, had been fighting what we  
were beginning to realize was a losing battle  
against malignant melanoma -- skin cancer --  
for nearly three years. We had exhausted nearly  
every treatment option available and were left  
with more drastic measures.

Since my dad's cancer was believed to be  
isolated in his leg, he qualified for a risky  
procedure being evaluated by University of  
Pennsylvania Medical Center in Philadelphia.  
Although his medical insurance would cover  
the surgery and other related costs, it couldn't  
help with travel expenses or lodging and food  
costs.

Because of his condition, my dad couldn't  
fly or take a bus or train. The only way he  
could travel was to lie down on the back seat of  
the car under strong pain medication. Even  
then, many stops would be required before  
reaching his destination. My mother can't drive.  
I needed to get from California to their home in

western New York, then drive them both to  
Philadelphia. Once there, it would be at least a  
two-week stay. Plane tickets to New York I  
could handle, and I'd left my trusty station  
wagon with my parents because I thought it  
would be easier for my dad to drive than his  
full-size pickup.

Gas, food and hotel costs were an entirely  
different matter. Someone suggested I visit the  
Air Force Aid Society representative at the  
family support center.

The Air Force Aid Society is one of four  
charities supported by Air Force Assistance  
Fund contributions. It's the first place I would  
have suggested a subordinate go for help in a  
similar situation, but I never even considered it  
for myself. Perhaps, because I'm a master  
sergeant, I figured I should be able to handle it  
alone. Nothing is further from the truth. We all  
need help sometimes, and it's good to know  
there's a place to turn.

I made an appointment to speak with the  
AFAS representative. I filled out some  
paperwork, got Red Cross confirmation of the  
emergency back home and, that same day, I had  
a check in my hand in the form of an interest-  
free loan.

Repaying the loan was easy. Finance  
deducted the monthly payment directly from  
my pay.

My dad's procedure, which consisted of 12  
hours of surgery and a week in intensive care,  
was considered a success. Unfortunately,  
unknown to the medical team at the time, the

cancer had already traveled beyond his leg and  
was soon spreading like wildfire throughout his  
body. Less than a year later a frantic phone call  
from home sent me flying back to New York.  
My dad was dying. Not even his doctors had  
anticipated his condition deteriorating so fast.

Four days later, my dad was gone. Mom was  
an emotional wreck, and I found myself in  
charge of making funeral arrangements and  
settling his affairs. I didn't know where to  
begin. We thought we'd have more time.

Dad's illness had eaten up almost all his  
assets, as well as a portion of mine. His modest  
funeral would cost just under \$5,000 and,  
together, we could raise less than half that  
amount. The funeral home didn't do payment  
plans nor would they take a credit card. Once  
again, I turned to Air Force Aid. Once again,  
my family got the help it needed when we  
needed it most.

I dearly wish my circumstances had a  
happier ending. Not a day goes by that I don't  
miss my dad. It was his encouragement, as well  
as his enthusiastic interest in aviation and the  
Air Force, that prompted me to first enlist and  
then remain in the Air Force for more than 20  
years.

But I will never forget the relief I felt when I  
knew I would be able to pay for the funeral my  
father deserved. Nor will I forget how the  
contributions my fellow airmen made to the Air  
Force Assistance Fund helped make this most  
stressful time in my life just a little easier to  
bear. Thank you.

## Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. More movie information is available at: [www.aafes.com/europe/eur\\_mov/snop.htm](http://www.aafes.com/europe/eur_mov/snop.htm)

### Bitburg Castle

#### Today

##### *Black Hawk Down (R)*

Adaptation of the true war story as told in Mark Bowden's book of the same title. The film takes place in 1993 when the U.S. sent special forces into Somalia to bring food and humanitarian aid to the starving population. Using Black Hawk helicopters to lower the soldiers onto the ground, an unexpected attack by Somali forces brings two of the helicopters down immediately. From there, the U.S. soldiers must struggle to regain their balance while enduring heavy gunfire.

#### Saturday

##### *Ocean's Eleven (PG-13)*

Julia Roberts, George Clooney and Matt Damon. Dapper Danny Ocean is a man of action. Less than 24 hours into his parole from a New Jersey penitentiary, he is already rolling out his next plan. Following three rules - don't hurt anybody; don't steal from anyone who doesn't deserve it and play the game like you've got nothing to loose, he orchestrates the most sophisticated, elaborate casino heist in history.

#### Sunday

##### *Black Hawk Down*

#### Closed Monday and Tuesday

#### Wednesday

##### *Vanilla Sky (R)*

Tom Cruise and Penelope Cruz. After his ex-girlfriend Julie drives the car into a tree, David survives, but with his face horribly disfigured. Soon, however, his luck changes: Sofia declares her love for him and the doctors are suddenly able to rebuild his face. But strange and horrible things begin to happen, and he starts to realize that his life has taken a turn beyond his control.

#### Thursday

##### *Black Hawk Down*

#### Spangdahlem Skyline

#### Today

##### *A Walk To Remember (PG)*

Mandy Moore and Shane West. Set in a small town in North Carolina during the 1950's, this is the romantic story of the only son of a wealthy family and the highly unpopular misfit daughter of the town's minister, thrown together during the town's high school Christmas pageant. When the two finally come together, they realize the ignorance of the preconceived notions they once had about each other.

##### *The Majestic (PG, 10 p.m.)*

Jim Carrey and Martin Landau. Set in 1951, a blacklisted writer, accused of being a Communist, loses his memory in a car accident. In a turn of events, he ends up with a new life in a small town, mistaken as a soldier who died in World War II and the son of the owner of the local movie theater.

#### Saturday

##### *Joe Somebody (PG)*

##### *A Walk to Remember (10 p.m.)*

#### Sunday

##### *Joe Somebody*

#### Monday

##### *The Majestic*

#### Tuesday

##### *A Walk To Remember*

#### Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.  
For the most current information,  
call 452-9441.

# Easter art brings visitors to Dudeldorf

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Art lovers should consider stopping at an art pavilion in Dudeldorf where they'll find an Easter exhibition, taking place now through March 24.

The exhibition is open 2-6 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, from 2-6 p.m.

Many people, including tour groups, visit during this time of year to admire the talented, detailed art-work relating to the Easter season.

The theme for this year's exhibition is "Faszination Egg." The hand-painted eggs of all sizes range from quail eggs to ostrich eggs.

The "egg-art" originates from various countries, to include Africa. The eggs carry beautiful designs or silhouettes.

The egg-painting technique reaches back 300 years in history. Each Sunday of the exhibition, people can watch an artist and learn about this special art.

Besides hand-painted eggs, people can also find Easter wreaths, bunnies, uniquely-decorated bouquet arrangements, baskets and more.

This year's exhibition also includes smithwork art by Robert Junk. His motifs relate to nature and the world of birds. His detailed art features birds, roosters, butterflies and other figures, which the Dudeldorf pavilion and add to the exhibition.

One visitor said, a visit to the exhibition makes you feel like Easter is just around the corner.

To get to the pavilion, take the first possible road into Dudeldorf, coming from Spangdahlem Air Base. Continue driving on this road until you face the entry of the courtyard where the pavilion is located.

Dudeldorf is a very charming Eifel village with a nice pedestrian zone between the two arches. A couple of pubs, an excellent restaurant and a bakery can also be found there.

File photo by Iris Reiff

**Edith Pallien, owner of the Dudeldorf Pavillion and sponsor for the exhibition, reaches for an ostrich-egg, painted by a foreign artist.**

# Out and about

■The mayor of Binsfeld, Lothar Herres, invites the American neighbors to Binsfeld's annual St. Georg patron's and community festival, Saturday and Sunday. On schedule are music and celebrations, a small amusement park and a spring flea market. Festivities and market stands can be found around the local church and on the nearby Dorfplatz. Food and beverages will be available.

■See Faithless live on stage Monday at the Differdange sports hall in Luxembourg. For more information or tickets, call 00352-507750.

■Shop for baskets, pots and pans, flowers, Easter-season related art and handicraft during the annual Landschaft spring market, March 23-24.

■Listen to jazz music at 8 p.m., Saturday at the Boda Haus festival hall. The concert will be performed by the Greentown-Jazz-Band, a professional, traditional jazz band from Ljubljana, Slovenia.

■Listen to a classical church concert at 7:30 p.m., March 16, at the Trier St. Maximin church. The Bitburg Cultural Society plans a bus trip from Bitburg to Trier. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 06561-6001-144.

■Visit a flea market Sunday inside and outside the Macher Cloister; inside and outside the Saarb. Stadthalle or city hall; in front of the Trier Extra market; in front of the Mainz Wal Mart, located on Rheinallee, and at the former Hahn AB.

■The night of the five tenors is the title for a concert at 8 p.m., April 13, at the sports hall of the Bitburg Edith-Stein school. For more information, call 06561-6001-144.

■The Mosel town of Lieser will host its annual castle festival May 18-20 with a variety program.

■The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club trip to Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic, takes place March 15-17. The town is known for inexpensive crystal, porcelain, gemstones and spas. Call Shawn Hamilton at 06575-959135 or Sheila Sandin at 06575-959739 for details.

■A special exhibition on the history of gold shows now through April 14 in the Luxembourg Natur Museum, located on 25 rue Muenster in Luxembourg city. The exhibition opens from 2 to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call the museum at 00352-4622331.

■Cub scout pack 165 sponsors a trip to Normandy, France April 18-21 for all scouting family members. Cost is \$55, plus \$18 for camping fees. Registration deadline is March 18. Call Michele Moritz at 06565-956862 for details.

■See "Holiday On Ice" now through Sunday in Berlin. The show also takes place March 29 through April 7 in Dresden. For more information, call the ticket hotline at 0180-535 2535 or visit [www.holidayonice.de](http://www.holidayonice.de).

■A Riesling wine tasting takes place March 16 in Winnigen. Call 0651-710280 to make reservations.

■Trier sponsors the 2002 antiquity festival June 26 through July 19 at the "Kaiserthermen" Roman bath in Trier. This year's event features "Norma and Orpheus in the Underworld" and "Elektra," a play, performed by the Spanish ensemble "Teatro Atalaya." Reserve tickets now by calling 06517-181818.

■"Legendary Sounds" performed by the popular Glenn Miller Orchestra takes place at 8 p.m. March 16 in the Wittlich Atrium hall, located inside the Cusanus Gymnasium school.

■Trier's 4th Wine & Gourmet Festival features 125 events taking

place April 11 and May 5. A wine presentation takes place April 13-14 where 60 regional vintners present 360 different wines. Read more information about the event in a future edition of the Eifel Times.

■The Bitburg Bier festival takes place April 12 through May 1 on the former Bitburg Flugplatz. First class entertainment is scheduled nightly. For more information, call 0800-2864378.

■A spring festival takes place now through March 17 on Roentgenstrasse in Wittlich.

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Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in March. Most prices differ for child and adult tickets. People should register for trips at least three days in advance. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg Annex ITT office at 06561-945937 for details.

■Black Forest express, March 16, \$45-\$55.

■Paris overnight, March 16-17, \$134-\$189.

■Amsterdam and Zaanse Schans, March 16, \$65-\$70.

■Karlsbad and flea market shopping, March 22-23, \$60-\$90.